

**Civil County Court at Law Zoom Hearing Admonitions**

This is Judge \_\_\_\_\_ presiding in Travis County Court at Law No. \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm calling this hearing to order, in Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_. The date is \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

This hearing is being conducted remotely on Zoom and livestreamed on the Court's YouTube channel. **No recordings of this hearing are permitted** other than by the official court reporter if a record has been requested. **Any violations of these instructions are punishable by contempt of court.**

Please "mute" your microphone and only "unmute" when you are speaking. Please do not speak over other participants. If there is an objection, please state "objection", wait for the speaker to stop, and then briefly state the basis of your objection.

During this hearing, do not use the "chat" option on the options bar unless the Court grants permission. If anyone needs to have a private attorney-client conference or a sidebar conversation, you may ask to be placed in a "breakout room" for a private conversation.

We are invoking "The Rule" for exclusion of witnesses in all Zoom hearings. Other than parties and experts, any witnesses will remain in the Zoom "waiting room" until they are called to testify. While waiting to testify, witnesses may not view or listen to the YouTube livestream and parties may not communicate with witnesses. Witnesses may not look at any notes or documents while testifying unless the Court grants permission.

Does everyone understand these instructions and our rules for Zoom hearings, or does anyone have questions before we proceed?

At this time I will call on the lawyers and participants to introduce themselves.